

*****October 25, 2021*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Vicki Anderson
Councilmember Elizabeth Baker
Councilmember Andrew Gardner

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin
See attached list for others present

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes

The minutes for the August 31, 2021 special called meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the September 13, 2021 regular called meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the September 21, 2021 special called meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the September 27, 2021 regular called meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the October 11, 2021 regular called meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

Molly Hampton, Mountain Brook Circle, said the tennis courts need a lot of repairs.

Anne Hagood, James Boulevard, informed the Council that the Tree Board celebrated Arbor Day with the elementary school students. She said that new posters and poems are displayed in the Town Hall lobby.

Bill Sonnenburg, Ohio Avenue, thanked Councilmember Baker for her service.

There being no further requests, the meeting proceeded.

Update – Old Town Sidewalks
ASA Engineering

Chris Davis, Sr. Transportation Designer with ASA Engineering informed the Council that preliminary findings were submitted to Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in mid-May. He explained that TDOT is slow getting comments back. Mr. Davis said that revisions are due back to TDOT by mid-November. He said he currently estimates a construction start days in 2+ years.

Resolutions

1. “A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE FUNCTION OF THE MACC BOARD AND APPOINTMENT OF ANY MEMBERS TO SAID BOARD UNTIL MAY 2022 OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A RESOLUTION IS PASSED TO RESCIND THIS ACTION.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

Discussion
(In the order taken)

- a. Town Manager Search Process and Transition - MTAS. Honna Rogers, Management Consultant from the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) spoke to the Council. She said that she has sent a Town Manager job description to the Council for their review and comments.

Ms. Rogers informed the Council that she will start advertising for the position this week. She anticipates interviews will be around the first week in January. Council agreed to pay travel expenses for interviewees.

Ms. Rogers will work with the Council in seeking an interim Town Manager. Council anticipates interviewing applicants by November 5th with a candidate selection at the Monday, November 8th regular meeting.

- b. Departmental Assessments - MTAS. Ms. Rogers informed the Council that she has sent them a schedule. She suggests that Administration and Finance departments start the process.

- d. Masking – Town Public Spaces. Council agreed that it is appropriate to ease the masking rules.
- c. Rainbow Lake Survey Results. Council discussed a variety of methods to raise funds to defray costs. In addition, Council determined that holding charettes on this issue will have to be deferred for the time being due to other pressing issues. Mayor Poss asked this item to be placed on the November 22nd agenda for further discussion.

Manager's Report

Boyd Veal, Town Manager, explained that the Lions Club will not do the July 4th fireworks displays any longer.

Other Business

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. None
- b. Reports from Committees or Boards. Mayor Poss said the Tree Board had met.
- c. Other. None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder